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## **RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND/OR ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2003, applicants hereby elect what the Examiner identified as Species I shown in Figure 3. Claims 1-20 read on that species. Applicants agree with the Examiner that each of the identified species is patentably distinct. Applicants assert that claims 1-20 read on all of the identified species. Please telephone the undersigned with any questions.

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